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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, SF, WA

SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE OF NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT
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REFS: (A) CAPE TOWN 818 (NOTAL); (B) USUN 1645 (NOTAL)

1. SOUTH AFRICA HAS ANNOUNCED ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSALS OF THE WESTERN CONTACT GROUP FOR SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA. ADDRESSEES ON REFTEL B SHOULD NOTE FACT OF THAT ACCEPTANCE WHEN PRESENTING TEXT OF THESE PROPOSALS, POINTING OUT THAT WE WILL BE EXAMINING VORSTER'S REMARKS CLOSELY BUT THAT OUR PRELIMINARY JUDGMENT IS THAT SAG'S ACCEPTANCE IS SATISFACTORY. IF HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS EXPRESS DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER SOUTH AFRICAN ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN AT FACE VALUE, YOU SHOULD RESTRICT RESPONSE TO STATEMENT THAT OUR INITIAL ANALYSIS IS THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAS ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL. YOU SHOULD REFER ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT. WHILE WE ARE CLEARLY PLEASED WITH SAG DECISION TO ACCEPT, WE WISH TO REACT IN A RESTRAINED FASHION; AFRICAN AND OTHER STATES MAY BE INFLUENCED BY CONCERN THAT ANYTHING ACCEPTABLE TO SOUTH AFRICA MUST CONTAIN A HIDDEN CATCH, BUT WE SHOULD AVOID IMPRESSION THAT SOUTHAFRICA'S ACCEPTANCE IN ANY WAY CASTS DOUBTS ON PROPOSAL'S FAIRNESS TO ALL PARTIES. IN JUDGING PROPOSAL ON THEIR OWN, AFRICANS
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HAVE FOUND THEM REASONABLE AND WE DO NOT WISH TO DO ANYTHING WHICH WOULD WEAKEN THIS ASSESSMENT. FOLLOWING IS QUOTATION FROM SPEECH GIVEN ON BEHALF OF WESTERN FIVE AT THIS MORNING'S UNGA SESSION BY CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JAMIESON WHICH GIVES OUR INITIAL REACTION TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN ANNOUNCEMENT. POSTS SHOULD REFER TO THIS STATEMENT IN RESPONDING TO QUERIES REGARDING OUR REACTION.

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"SHORTLY BEFORE ARISING IN THIS HALL, THIS MORNING, I WAS INFORMED THAT FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF OUR PROPOSAL BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WAS COMMUNICATED TO OUR AMBASSADORS IN CAPE TOWN. AS OUR FIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOT HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO STUDY THE STATEMENT MADE BY PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IN SOUTH AFRICA'S PARLIAMENT, WE DO NOT PROPOSE TO COMMENT ON IT AT THIS STAGE, EXCEPT TO WELCOME THIS IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IN THIS POSITION OF ONE OF THE MAIN PARTIES CONCERNED."

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